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Truth: The Truth

- Truth is timeless
- Truth is ageless
- Truth is constant
- Something true today may be proved wrong tomorrow, but truth remains the truth!
- Truth cannot be upgraded.
- Truth cannot be downgraded

- Truth cannot grow; we can only grow in the knowledge of the truth.
- Truth cannot be developed; we can only develop our understanding of the truth.
- If, therefore, the Word of God is truth,
- Then the truth of scriptures must be:
 - Timeless,
 - Ageless, and
 - Constant.

- There is no new generation truth.
- Truth is eternal.
- There is no old-fashion truth; truth is transgenerational!
- We cannot do anything against the truth but for the truth. Truth is truth, take it or leave it
– ***2Cor. 13:8***

➤ Knowledge only
becomes profitable to
those who think through
as to how it applies to
their issues
– ***1Tim. 4:13/15***

- Leadership is not *talking* the lead, it's *taking* the lead.

- Leadership is not an appointment, but an accomplishment.

- But real leaders are thinkers and all committed thinkers are potential leaders.

- Just anybody can become a leader if he is willing to give it what it takes.

- There's a leadership seed inside every child of God, but we have to cultivate and nurture it, so as to begin to bear fruits.

**WHAT IS THE
WAY
FORWARD?**

Only thinkers can make
the best of knowledge
because the value of
knowledge is in
product

- We live in a thinkers world.
- Thinkers mould and shape the history of the world.

- Thinkers rule the world.
- For instant even the world of science is moulded and ruled by thinkers.

- Let us Examine
Some Giants of
science down
the Centuries

ARCHIMEDES – 287 BC

- A giant, a scientist and mathematicians of extraordinary greatness
- One of the biographers wrote; “*Archimedes, one man and one intellect – a host in itself*”

- He discovered and arrived at the idea of specific gravity today called ***Archimedes' principle*** – while in a Bathtub.

- **He thought years ago that man could float on water, this thought came along in the bathroom, the law of floatation thereafter came to light.**

- **Today, the water ways has become a major means of transportation for man and more especially for goods and services. Again, millions earn their living through the water-way industry.**

JOSEPH PRIESTLY – 1733-1854

- Became an orphan at age 7.
- A minister and only a part-time scientist.

- Attended some chemistry lectures; began to experiment on his own and eventually became well known among the local scientists

- An Inventor of Soda water who became a giant of science through his discovery of the gas of life – Carbon Dioxide

Albert Einstein

[1879-1955]

- He was a theoretical physicist who developed the general theory of relativity effecting a revolution in Physics

- He received the 1921 Nobel Prize in Physics for his discovery of the law of the photoelectric effect
- Einstein applied the general theory of relativity to model the structure of the universe as a whole

- When he was invited to become President of Israel he declined saying , **“Scientific problems are familiar to me, but I have neither the natural capacity nor the necessary experience to handle human beings”**
- **It was this same Einstein that invented electric lighting bulb**

The Wright Brothers

(The Bicycle Repairers)

- **The Wright Brothers,**
thought that man could fly
in the air, it was a thought
that sprang up in the
kitchen.

- Today, millions enjoy air travels around the world, while millions of other earn their livelihood in the aviation industry directly or indirectly.

Isaac Newton

- A young man by name Isaac Newton, while still an undergraduate was taking a rest under an apple tree and one of the apple fruits fell on him and then he began to think why was it not suspended in the air

- And what kind of force was pushing it down, to cut the long story short, this young student founded the law of gravity and subsequently the 3 laws of mechanics, which are very fundamental to most engineering feats today.

BILL GATES

- A story was told in his growing up days how that the mother was looking for him in the house, 'Bill, Bill where are you?

- But the mother who was in desperate search for the boy, headed for the basement still shouting Bill where are you? but when she opened the door, Bill screamed back at her,

‘Am Thinking, Don’t You Think’.

- The findings of Bill Gates has redefined the face of education globally and accelerated the speed of learning, particularly through the internet.

- Bill Gates, the thinker has suddenly as it were become Bill Gates the '*ruler*' of the scientific world.

IT IS THE THINKERS' WORLD

- Today, we have Lots of educated folks, but few thinkers.
- Too many Workers, very few thinkers.

- Too many teachers, like they say 'talk is cheap' but obviously few thinkers.

- **In my view, the whole essence of university education is to empower man to think solutions.**

- It is interesting to note that most scientific inventors were only committed and robust thinkers.

- For instance, all human beings are made up of same number of organs.
- That is, all organs of the human body, the lungs, the heart, the liver, the kidney, and of course the brain; all the organs that make up human beings are all the same in size and content.

- That is the reason why all transplantable organs are transplantable from one to another irrespective of race or colour such as the kidney.

- Most importantly of course is the human brain, which defines the limits of a man's worth in any field of human endeavour.
- It is absolutely the same in all ramification and that for all men.

It is interesting to note that the human brain for all human is:

➤ ***Same size***

➤ ***Same content***

➤ ***Same number of cells***

- ***Same number of nerves running through***
- ***Same colour***
- ***Same weight***
- ***Same potential, which implies***
- ***Same capacity***

Where then is the Difference?

- It is in the robustness of the engagement of the brain.
- It is the active engagement of this 'principal gift' of nature that defines the limits of anyone's worth.

- First, we must recognize that we share same capacity of brain with all other humans and that consciousness should arouse the confidence in us to engage this precious gift most pragmatically.

- Show me a committed thinker and I will show you another leader, solution-provider in the making.

- Only men who can think the unthinkable, can dare the undarable and move the immovable.

IN CONCLUSION

- There is nothing unthinkable until we think so and there is nothing undarable until it is dubbed unthinkable and there is nothing immovable until it is dubbed impossible.

- I came across the following statements some years ago:
 - ***“only 10% of humans think,***
 - ***25% think that they think and***
 - ***65% would rather die than think***

- It is time for us in this part of the world to start thinking the unthinkable in a bid to proffer solution to our differs bugging problems.

*Thank you
and
God bless*